

# FORESTHILLS

*Fellowship Baptist Church*

April 17, 2022



Now after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, “Don’t be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay” (Matt. 28:1-6).

We Christians must acknowledge that the resurrection of Jesus is a story that’s hard to believe. How could a crucified man rise from the dead? Dead people stay dead.

If you believe that the story of the resurrection is true, why do you believe it’s true? If a non-Christian friend asked you that question, what would be your answer? You could say, “The Bible says it’s true.” But then your friend might reply, “How do you know that the Bible is right about the resurrection?”

It’s reasonable to believe that the resurrection is true because it’s the best explanation of the “minimal facts”—facts that are accepted by the majority of scholars, both Christian and secular.

## 1. Jesus was crucified.

The crucifixion of Jesus was a public event and is mentioned in secular history books. The Roman historian Tacitus wrote that Christ “suffered the extreme penalty [i.e., crucifixion] during the reign of Tiberius at the hands of one of our procurators, Pontius Pilate.”

## 2. The tomb was empty.

If the tomb of Jesus had not been empty, the story of his resurrection would have been easily disproved. The enemies didn’t dispute the fact that the tomb was empty. Instead they invented a lie to explain why the tomb was empty: “[Jesus’] disciples came by night and stole him away while [the guards] were asleep” (Matt. 28:3).

## 3. The disciples really believed that they had seen the risen Jesus.

The followers of Jesus didn’t act like people who had stolen his body. They were willing to endure persecution and even martyrdom to spread the story of the resurrection. Liars make poor martyrs.

## 4. A notorious enemy of Christianity was converted.

The apostle Paul was once a persecutor of the church, but something changed the course of his life. Paul claimed that the risen Jesus had appeared to him (1 Cor. 15:8). Skeptics will argue that the disciples could have thought they saw the risen Jesus because they wanted to believe that he was alive. But the same can’t be said of Paul.

Yes, the story of the resurrection of a crucified man is hard to believe. But what about the fact that the tomb was empty? What about the fact that the disciples really believed they had seen the risen Jesus? What about the fact that a man who had been an enemy of Christianity claimed to have seen the risen Jesus? How do we explain these facts if Jesus didn’t rise from the dead?

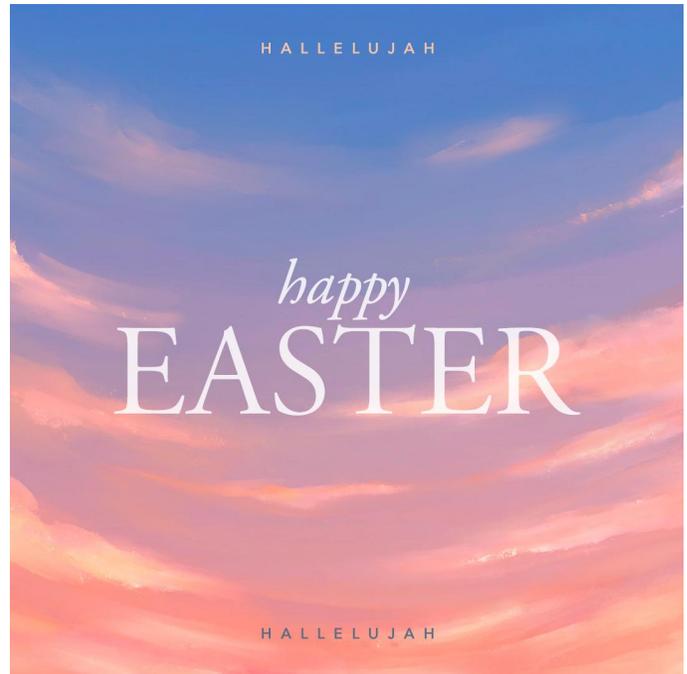
I believe that the best explanation is that Jesus really did rise from the dead. And if he did, then everything else the Bible claims about him makes sense.

Jesus is “the resurrection and the life” (John 11:25).

In him, there is hope!

**Happy Easter!**

Pastor Jonathan McLeod



# Sunday Worship

*The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for he has risen, as he said."*

## Call to Worship

Matthew 28:5-6

## Song

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

## Prayer of Praise

## Solo

There Will Come a Day (Angela MacDonald)

## Stick Team

The Cradle, the Cross, and the Crown (Sophie McLeod, Hannah Couch, Gillian Morand, Angela MacDonald)

## Solo

Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross (Ed Baker)

## Video

King Jesus

## Solo

All Things New (Rebecca MacDonald)

## Ladies Group

Power in the Blood (Stephanie Couch, Lynann MacDonald, Rebecca MacDonald, Angela MacDonald)

## Song

Christ Our Hope in Life and Death

## Scripture Reading

John 11:17-27 (Michael Samillano)

## Sermon

Goodbye to Goodbyes (John 11:1-44)

## Song

In Christ Alone

## Benediction

# Announcements

**Easter Service:** This Sunday is Easter Sunday! Is there someone you could invite to join you for our Easter Service?

**Kraft Dinner for MTBC:** We are collecting boxes of Kraft Dinner to donate to Mount Traber Bible Camp. You can bring in your boxes of KD to the church anytime.

**Spring Cleaning Day:** Our church Spring Cleaning Day will be on Saturday, May 7 from 9:00 a.m. until noon. Come out and lend a hand!

**Regional Conference:** Our church is hosting Fellowship Atlantic's Regional Conference on May 13-14. Anyone belonging to our church is able to attend the conference free of charge. The main sessions are Friday at 7:00 p.m. and Saturday at 1:00 p.m.

**Happy Birthday:** Andrea Mitchell (April 17), Verna Ells (April 19).

**Last Week's Giving:** Offering for April 10 was \$1,059.10 (\$774.10 by e-Transfer, \$285.00 by regular giving).

**Newsletter Sign-Up:** If you would like to receive our church newsletter each week by email, you can sign up for that on the [Newsletter page](#) of our website.

## Ministry Schedule:

Ministry	This Sunday	April 24
Sunday School	Rebecca MacDonald Angela MacDonald	John Couch Stephanie Couch
Nursery	Sheryl Contridas Marsha McLeod	Sheila Baillie Angel Samillano
Junior Church	Elfie Couch	Elfie Couch
Tellers	Ken Couch Patrick Morand	Bobbi Cote Patrick Morand

## This week:

Day	Time	Event
Sunday	10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Sunday School Worship Service
Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	Women's Bible Study

Wednesday	6:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Youth Group Elders' Meeting
Thursday	6:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Live Devotional on Facebook with Pastor Jonathan Worship Practice
Sunday	10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Sunday School Worship Service

## Our Missionaries

### Missionaries We Financially Support:

- Ben & Krista Taylor (Poland)
- Grant & Liz Fawcett ([Arrowhead Native Bible Center](#) in Cumberland Bay, NB)
- Kevin & Micaela Miller (Pakistan)
- Doug & Glenda Campbell (Fellowship Atlantic)
- Andrew & Kayla Ardern (Fellowship Atlantic Church Plant in Spryfield, NS)

## Church Membership

If you have been regularly attending FHFBC, we'd like you to become a member of our church. Membership demonstrates one's commitment to a local church and enables greater participation in the life of that church.

<b>The Requirements</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Faith in Jesus Christ as your Lord and Saviour.</li> <li>• Agreement with our church's statement of faith and covenant.</li> <li>• Believer's baptism by immersion.</li> </ul>
<b>The Process</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tell one of our elders you're interested in membership.</li> <li>• Fill out a Membership Application Form.</li> <li>• Read a short book about church membership: <a href="#">I Am a Church Member</a> by Thom Rainer.</li> <li>• Meet with the elders to talk about your conversion, baptism, understanding of the gospel, and expectations of members.</li> </ul>

# Church Info

FHBC is a member of the [Fellowship of Evangelical Baptist Churches in Canada](#), and we also belong to the Fellowship's [Atlantic Region](#). Our mission is to help people become fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ.

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